

## **CM/ECF Organizing Committee**

Minutes of January 30, 2002 Meeting.

Attended By the following committee members: Tony Anastas, Neil Aresty, Stuart Barer, Judge Henry Boroff, Mag. Judge Lawrence Cohen, Helen Costello, Sheila Diskes, Judge Nancy Gertner, Richard Heidlage, Prof. Eleanor Loiacano, David Lucal, James Lynch, Jonathan Margolis, Judge James McHugh, Jeffrey Morgan, Douglas Nash, Mag. Judge Kenneth Neiman, Judge George O'Toole, Len Rideout, William Ruane, Judge Patti Saris, Wendell Skidgel, Judge H.J. Smith, Steven Weiss, Judge Douglas Woodlock, and Judge William Young

Also attended by: Dennis O'Leary, Barbara Rabinovitz, Bonnie Smith and Judge Mark Wolf

1. The minutes of the October 10, 2001 meeting were provided and approved with no further discussion.
2. Report on Status of CM/ECF in the U.S. District Court was provided by Tony Anastas, Clerk. Tony announced that the District of Massachusetts has been selected as one of the district courts that will participate in the first rollout of the Version 1 release of CM/ECF which will be Wave 9 of the overall project. The first phase of this implementation is currently scheduled to begin in May 2002.
3. Geri Smith, Clerk and Chris Malumphy, Chief Deputy from the Northern District of Ohio provided a presentation and demonstration on CM/ECF in their court. The CM/ECF system was described as user friendly and intuitive. Attorneys will need to have PACER and separate CM/ECF logins in order to participate in electronic filing and access case information electronically. In addition to describing the evolution of CM/ECF in their court, they provided a demonstration of how a document would be created and filed electronically through their court. They also provided an overview of the reports that would be available internally to the court and externally to attorneys and the public. Geri also discussed the impact CM/ECF had on the Clerk's Office staff and the many benefits the program has provided to the Court, attorneys, public, etc.
4. Report on Status of CM/ECF in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court by James Lynch, Clerk. The Bankruptcy Court has received formal notification from the AO that they will be in Wave 7 of the CM/ECF implementation schedule. They have already started to draft an implementation plan and are beginning to look at and evaluate internal procedures and processes. Jim expects to go live with CM/ECF in the Bankruptcy Court in early 2003.

Judge Boroff reported that the Bankruptcy Court has set up a committee analogous to this one to consider training and outreach to attorneys, among other issues. They have also set up in house committees including: courtroom clerk/law clerk committee, technical committee, process

flow committee and dictionary committee.

5. Other Reports

- State Courts - Judge Smith reported that the states courts have now hired a new project manager for their electronic filing project. They will be looking for vendors to develop their system and would like to be able to have a compatible system with the federal court. They are still several years behind the federal courts.

6. Next meeting date was set for Wednesday, March 27, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.